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The preparation of the program for the coming annual meeting of the Western Conference is actively proceeding. The Conference is to meet this year in Chicago, May 18-21, with the Church of the Messiah. The approach of this annual event should be hailed by Western Unitarians with delight. It offers an opportunity for fellowship and inspiration. Meeting in so central a place as Chicago it attracts a great many people of our faith. It is none too early to begin to plan to attend this gathering. President Eliot, of the American Unitarian Association, is to be present. Miss Low, president of the National Alliance, is to preside at a special meeting of the board of directors. Taken all together the meeting in May promises to be unusually good.

The question of finance is a constant source of trouble to every organization that has to depend upon voluntary contributions for its support. Those engaged in religious and philanthropic work often sigh forth the wish that they had no needs. The season of the year has come again when the A. U. A. and the Western Conference make their appeals. The need for extending a work so useful as that done by our churches and missionary agencies, in spreading our gospel, with its uplifting power, is so patent to those familiar with it that, despite all natural hesitancy they boldly ask for the means to carry on this work. The Western Conference occupies the position of being the creation of the Western churches. As such it appeals to the churches through their ministers for funds. Because of this it is subject to the control of the ministers of the Conference. Thus it is of necessity a ministers' conference, but through them it reaches out to our churches and people with the fellowship that is born of sympathy. It is in full confidence that the Western Conference is doing the will of the churches and faithfully serving them that it asks their support.

A cartoon from the pencil of the famous McCutcheon, which appeared a short time ago in the Chicago Tribune, has attracted a great deal of attention and caused considerable press comment. It represented the welcome that was given to a crowd of tramps at a coffee wagon where a free lunch was being given and the reception that they would receive if they were to enter a fashionable church. It is quite common of late, since the church has temporarily gone out of fashion, for writers and speakers to speak slightingly of it. Sometimes what is said has truth in it, but this cartoon has none. To begin with, the cartoon indicates that a coffee wagon is a good thing because it distributes free of charge coffee and sandwiches. In this it quarrels with the scientific charity of our day. The churches are somewhat educated to a higher conception of the charity problem. Again, there are grades of religious work. The tramps would feel as ill at ease in a fashionable church as would the congregation in having a number of them invade their place of worship. The service and sermon prepared for the needs of intellectual and cultured people would not appeal to the tramp. There are places of worship where he would be welcome and where he could appreciate the signficance of the service. It is not the church alone that is thus divided on lines of social standing. If the tramps should try to enter a gilded saloon the bartender would at once order them out. That the church in any form is not a perfect institution all will be ready to admit, but it is devoted to all that is noblest and best in our humanity, as seen in each congregation, and is daily growing in usefulness and grace. It remains today, what it has always been when membership was voluntary, the source in each community of the best things in the community. Reformers grow impatient of its conservatism, but evolution has ever proved more valuable than revolution and the church may be nearer right than they are.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is well to "see ourselves as others see us," and likewise well to know how others are grappling with problems similar to our own. Since coming to Green Bay my horizon has been widened to include the points of view, the methods and the ideals of Evangelical Sunday schools. Through attendance at a state conference and a county convention I

have been brought into personal contact with some of the leaders of the movement for better instruction in such schools and have noted with much interest their principal emphases and practical suggestions. In these was much that is helpful in my own work and may be worth putting before readers of the News Letter.

It was made clearer to me than ever that our own Sunday School Society has been, and still is, a pioneer in many directions. These people are reaching after some things we have already attained. Our manuals are known to them and highly appreciated, in some instances serve as models. Yet they hold that our manuals are not good enough, that they must have something better. The criticism was not based upon doctrinal or historical grounds, but upon pedagogical considerations. One critic said of certain of our lessons: "They are above grade; they have little point of contact with the pupil's actual interest." Another critic said of the same lessons: "The author understood his subject, but he didn't understand children." This seems to me a helpful criticism. At least it directs our attention to a field where we may improve. Indeed, some manuals exhibited at the convention were clearly better in this particular than our own. Justice compels me to go on and say that in some other particulars they were distinctly inferior to ours.

In the addresses and discussions the pedagogical interest rather than the theological was central. The leadership of the forward movement seemed to be a lay leadership. It was the Normal School instructor rather than the minister who spoke with authority. The question was not so much what to teach as how to teach. Critical questions did not even appear above the horizon. Interest was directed less to the Bible and more to the child's needs and capacities. This surely is wholesome.

The graded course of instruction was urged as absolutely essential to the most effective work. This grading, it was insisted, should be as thoroughgoing as in the day school; must apply not only to the method of presentation and adaptation of material, but even more to the selection of material. Our one lesson, three grade manuals would be considered as but a makeshift, inasmuch as they give the same subject matter to primary and advanced pupils. Again, our Sunday School Society has been a pioneer and, as Mr. Boynton has shown, provides manuals out of which a graded course can be arranged. But we have never had such an earnest propaganda, such a veritable crusade in the interests of a completely graded course, as is now under way among the evangelical churches of Wisconsin.

Coupled with this demand for a graded course of instruction was a strong emphasis on the technique needed by the teacher. In our conferences the "need of trained teachers" is a familiar topic. The topic here was rather "How can we train our teachers," or "How can we best teach this particular lesson to boys and girls of a given age?" Expert instructors from a State Normal School gave demonstrations, object lessons in "How to do it," with a specific lesson, and with real boys and girls before them. Normal classes of Sunday School teachers have been formed in many places for the study of the art of teaching, with Dubois' "Point of Contact in Teaching," Dewey's "Interest and the Will," or kindred works as text-books. This means that teaching Sunday School is being taken seriously, and that it is being recognized that much more than knowledge of the subject taught is essential to any real success. There was a disposition to help the average teacher become a better teacher, to point out the vital interests of children at different ages and show how to correlate instruction to these. One little book I commend to readers of the News Letter as suggestive and helpful for our own Sunday School work, "How to Interest," by W. J. Mutch, Ripon, Wis. This may be obtained of the author at the price of fifteen cents.

I think our evangelical friends have much to learn from us as to "What to Teach," but my observations have led me to conclude that just at present we can learn much from them as to "How to Teach."

ERNEST C. SMITH.

Green Bay.

"WHAT WE WANT."

The little book just published by Murray of London, under the title of "What We Want," is a translation from the Italian of a remarkable letter to Pope Pius X from a group of Italian priests which, in the sequence of other documents of like character from Roman Catholic sources, shows that the Church of Rome, and so all Christendom besides, is at the beginning of a reformation which promises to be as far reaching in its effects upon Christianity and modern civilization as was the movement which Luther inaugurated in 1517.

Hold what opinion we may about the enlightenment of the present Pope, and about the moral temper of some of his advisers, no one can in fairness accuse the Roman church of the scandalous vices and contempt of righteousness which caused that earlier revolt. The new Protestantism is upon other grounds. It is an intellectual demand, for more honest thinking, for a more open spiritual vision, and for the recognition by the heads of the church of some of the vast accumulations of new facts,

which in the judgment of all educated persons of impartial temper have so profoundly affected every doctrine of religion, that no article of creed stated some hundreds of years ago is a just representation of truth, as upright souls ought to hold and set forth the truth of religion.

These protesting priests have neither desire nor intention to leave their church. With much greater boldness of utterance they have something of the point of view occupied by Erasmus and his sympathizers, who dreamed of a church which should retain its dramatic ceremonies, so attractive to all who delight in pageantry, as the multitudes do, even to this hour; which might continue to recite the ancient creeds, so long as it did not force its followers to receive them with a single unchangeable meaning; and which by its hierarchy of officers and its many fraternal orders and missionary societies might offer, to a variety of talents, scope and encouragement to work in one common cause of human blessing.

But while this church should remain in many external aspects the traditionary bulwark of faith, it should openly allow freedom of inquiry, and should lay its chief emphasis upon the union of all good men and women in the promotion of good will and righteousness. To them Rome is still the most noble institution under the sun, the safest protector of the moralities and humanities which civilization has developed; and they earnestly desire that its influence may go on to other centuries, not impaired and weakened, but enhanced, to the end of economizing the energies for good works which under a Christendom split into innumerable sects are now wasted in controversy.

These are some of their words:

"Christianity exists in the world as a law of love and truth. It is love and truth that inspire those two factors of modern civilization, Science and Democracy. That we may make it Christian we have welcomed them, seeking to make them our own, without reserve, without fear, without excessive concern for the past."

"But Science and Democracy, if they are to move forward securely, must submit to the control of criticism which is based, not upon the force of authority, but on the value of things objectively established. From this point of view their acceptance and the task of assimilating them demand of the church many sacrifices."

"The Democracy demands of the church not only an attitude less conservative and less intent upon favoring the last remnants of the privileged nobility, but also a transformation and purification of forms and persons in her own government, still as tenaciously monarchical and absolute as when she adopted it at the end of the third century."

"The demands of Science are much more serious. A change has been wrought in modern intellectual conditions."

Some of the most familiar of these changes they enumerate: "God, revelation, the church, dogma, can not be imposed from without by reasoned arguments. The soul must first seek them through its own free action, must find their reasons and learn their worth under the stimulus of its own religious experience. To this end the student will not be able to limit himself to the study of the Bible only, as a unique source of the history of religion. For him the Bible is, as yet, a book, having the same value as all other books, sacred or profane, which record the history of antiquity. Only after these have been confronted by him with one another, and all alike subjected to the control of critical science; only when he is able to establish the fact that the religious experience of Israel corresponds with a more perfect and complete synthesis of the spiritual attitudes and requirements of the ancient world, will he accept the Old Testament."

"The modern habit does not attach any meaning which corresponds with reality to the terms 'person,' 'essence,' hypostases processions.

"Holy Father, you have preferred the men of the syllogism to the men of profound and positive knowledge; you have regarded as a blasphemer the man who was able to demonstrate the insufficiency of the proofs of the miraculous translation of the Holy House of Loretto.

"The method which is adopted by the Vatican to repress and suffocate the manifestation of life and individual action has thus concurred to increase the confusion of those who, with the faith and eagerness of Apostles, were co-operating in the Christian restoration of society."

So these earnest priests plead, reason and rebuke. But probably all in vain. The Roman church, like some branches of the Protestant church, is composed not chiefly of scholars and disinterested seekers after truth and righteousness, but of mixed classes, among them many ignorant, many greedy self-seekers, many blind to the signs of the times; who look back to a far past for the perfect social order than to the distant future, toward which enlightened modern people turn with assurance.

So long as these retain control there will be no acceptance of new platforms of policy.

But as a contribution to the coming institutions of religion which are unlikely to be such as either Catholic or Protestant, Christian or Jew, at present prefers, this book is a notable landmark.

GEORGE A. THAYER.

Cincinnati.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Champaign-Urbana, Ill.—At the close of its first year the new society here finds itself prepared to begin a church building on a lot facing the University campus. The American Unitarian Association has contributed about half the building fund, the remainder the trustees have secured from the local community and Unitarian friends throughout the country. About a thousand dollars more is needed to complete the proposed church. So confident are the trustees, however, that this will soon be subscribed, that they will probably begin building the first of April.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Rev. A. Irvine Innes.—The church resumed work under a settled ministry at the beginning of December last, and is proceeding in the spirit of unity with steady and earnest purpose. Evening lectures on "Religion in the Writings of Our Great Poets" were given in December and January, in addition to the holding of the usual services. The Paragraph Pulpit has been established in a daily newspaper—the expense being defrayed by the Unity Circle (Women's Alliance)—and is creating considerable interest outside the church. Postal Mission work is also being energetically conducted; and the formation of a Literary Club, open to all, is proving successful.

Geneseo, Ill.—At a social supper given recently by our society at this place the minister, Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick, was made the recipient of a check of over two hundred dollars, a present from the society. The presentation speech was made by Rev. M. F. Miller, pastor emeritus. In the course of his speech he paid a heart-felt tribute to Mr. Kirkpatrick's work, and expressed his sense of what the society owes him. The meeting was tense with emotion during Mr. Miller's remarks, and such an impression was made upon those present that the relations they sustain as minister and people were cemented more closely than ever before. The church in Geneseo has profited greatly by a series of evangelistic services held by the orthodox churches in the place, during which an attack was made by the revivalist upon our church.

Topeka, Kan.—The reports that come of our work in this capital city are very encouraging. There is an increase in the interest and efficiency of the work all along the line. The attendance at Sunday school has increased, as has the attendance at the church services. The annual meeting was more largely attended than any in the history of the society. There are many pleasing features connected with the work of this society in the way of social intercourse that draws the people and minister together and makes the church a unit in its loyalty and devotion. Rev. J. H. Jones has been for two years its minister.

Bloomington, Ill.—It is interesting to observe the effect that an old-time, orthodox revival has on one of our societies when held in the town where it is. Always it means an accession of life to our church, because it presents such a contrast to what sensible men like in religion as to force them into the antipodal position held by Unitarians. This has been illustrated by the "Billy" Sunday revival at Bloomington, where our minister, Rev. J. H. Mueller, has been preaching to large congregations ever since the revival began. He has been preaching a series of doctrinal sermons setting forth our faith. Thirty people have already joined the church and as many more are expecting to unite with it Easter Sunday.

Hanska, Minn.—Our superintendent of Unitarian work among the Scandinavians, Rev. Amandus Norman, is working very hard to bring about the abolition of the saloons in the communities where he works. Mr. Norman has a wonderful influence wherever he is known. It is won by his calm strength. All of this he is bringing to bear to aid the cause of temperance among his people. The part that our people are taking in many places in the present wide-spread crusade against the saloon is very creditable.

Chicago—The Conference Directors met at 3 p. m., Friday, March 6th. Present: Messrs. Hawley, Pulsford, Hosmer, Brough, Backus and Mrs. Delano. In the absence of the president, Mr. Hawley was elected to the chair. The meeting was called to consider a letter from the secretary of the A. U. A. nominating committee, asking for suggestions. The board, unanimously, upon motion of Mrs. Delano recommended the name of Mr. C. W. Ames of St. Paul for vice-president. On motion of Mr. Pulsford, W. M. Backus was named unanimously as the choice of the board for director. This choice was made because of the desire on the part of the Western Conference for a closer union with the A. U. A. It was thought that the presence of the Western secretary on the board would facilitate union and aid the work under the present order.

Other matters were considered, but no vote was taken, as agreement was reached by conference. These were the issuance of envelopes by the Conference for the collections taken in the churches for it, and the proposed union of Universalists and Unitarians in a summer meeting at Rome City, Ind. In the discussion of the latter question, union was favored, but the fear was expressed that the Unitarian constituency might be indifferent to the assembly,

In accord with the following resolution, adopted at the annual meeting of the Western Unitarian Conference, held in Detroit, Mich., May, 1907:

"That the Conference instructs the Board of Directors to appoint a committee of five, of whom the secretary of the Conference shall be one, to consider and report upon a method of nomination and election of officers and directors, such committee to report to the Board of Directors at least three months before the next annual meeting; and that the report of said committee with such additions or changes as the Board of Directors may recommend, be printed in the Western Conference News Letter (a marked copy of which shall be sent to each church in the Conference at least one month previous to the annual meeting), and presented to this Conference for action at the next annual meeting."

The committee begs to submit the following report. In the fifth week preceding the annual meeting of the Conference there shall be sent to each society in the Conference a printed form showing plainly the kind, number and duration of offices to be filled, and the delegates elect from each society shall make nominations for the same. From all such nominations received by the Board of Directors until one week previous to the annual meeting of the Conference the Board shall select for nomination to each office the two names having the largest number of votes, and these names shall be arranged alphabetically upon a printed ballot, under the respective offices for which the names have been so received and made, together with the statement showing the kind, number and duration of offices. This ballot shall be used by delegates in voting for officers at the annual meeting of the Conference—the largest number of votes to constitute an election in any instance.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) FRED V. HAWLEY.
WILSON M. BACKUS.
FLORENCE BUCK.
MRS. C. V. MERSEREAU.
H. M. LEWIS.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

The Chicago Associate Alliance will meet Thursday, April 2, at Unity Church, Barry avenue, near Evanston avenue. There will be a report of the philanthropic news committee. The paper will be given by Mrs. W. M. Backus. The subject is, "What Unitarians Should Teach Their Children." The discussion will be lead by Miss Easly. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

Boston, Mass.—At a meeting of the directors of the National Alliance it was voted to send the president, Miss Low, to the meeting in May of the Western Conference. A special meeting of the board is to be held in connection with the Conference, that the Western directors can discuss the needs of this section in Alliance work.

Hobart, Ind.—By invitation of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Hobart Church, Mrs. Delano, vice-president for the Middle West, went there for their meeting on March 11th. She talked to them of the National Alliance, and before they adjourned they voted to join it and become the Ladies' Aid Alliance of the Unitarian Church of Hobart. They have a membership of about fifteen. The president is Mrs. George Pedersen and the secretary, Mrs. Howard Gould. They meet every Wednesday. This is the second branch to be formed in Indiana and should receive a hearty welcome.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Bloomington, Ill—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Av

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4:15 P. M. Rev. William S. Nichols.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Av. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays. Rev. John Visher.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Mary L. Leggett.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Avenue and East Main Street. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Avenue.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Toledo, Ohio.—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Avenue, Urbana.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg, Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio.—First Unitarian Church, Bushnell Hall, 125 West Federal St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Beers, 1218 Wick Ave.

"Let us all join hands and help for to-day we are alive together."

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN AND OTHER LIBERAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

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The object of the Alliance is, principally, to quicken the religious life of our Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowshiip.

The Chicago Associate Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Mrs. Grant Beebe, President, Perry Ave., near Pratt Ave.
Mrs. O. C. Baker, Secretary, 6565 Yale Ave., Chicago
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Composed of the branches in Church of the Messiah, Unity Church, Third Church and First Swedish Church, Chicago, Evanston, Geneva and Hinsdale. Six meetings are held during the year.

OHIO.

Director, Mrs. Arthur Bradley, 8 Hayward St., Cleveland.

Cincinnati.—Cincinnati Branch, First Congregational Church. President, Mrs. Wm. S. Sampson, The Auburndale. Mt. Auburn; Secretary, Mrs. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St. Meetings first Wednesday of each month at 2 P. M.

Cincinnati.—Unity Branch. President, Mrs. Mary S Russell, 1318 Race St.; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Thorp, 2304 Kenton St. Meetings second Wednesday of each month at 2:30 P. M.

Cleveland.—Women's Alliance of Unity Church. President, Mrs. C. E. Kennedy, 1886 E. 87th St., Secretary; Mrs. H. B. Herrick, 10510 Euclid Ave. Meetings three last Fridays in month at 10 A. M.

Marietta.—Marietta Branch, First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. Lucetta A. Palmer; Secretary, Mrs. A. Laura Coil, 232 Third St. Meetings, first Tuesday of each month at 2:30 P. M.

Salem.—Unity Circle of Salem. President, Mrs. Ida B. Cooper; Secretary, Miss Edna Richards, 283 Goshen Avenue. Meeting alternate Saturdays at 2 P. M.

Toledo.—Toledo Branch Womans' Alliance. President, Miss Florence Dority, 2222 Parkwood Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. Sidney Cooke, 133 Melrose Avenue. Meetings Friday at 2 P. M.

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Ann Arbor.—Fortnightly Club. President, Mrs. Laura Thomas, 411 S. Ashley St.; Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Jewell, 525 Elm St. Meetings alternate Fridays, 2 P. M.

Brooklyn.—Woman's Alliance, Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. C. A. Ford; Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Aylsworth. Meetings first Thursday of each month at 2:30 P. M.

Detroit.—The Women's Alliance. President, Mrs. Hiram Marks, 415 Woodward Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. F. B. Potter, 129 Field Ave. Meetings, third Friday of every month at 3 P. M.

Jackson—The Women's Alliance. President, Mrs. O. G. Coleman; Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Fuller. Meetings alternate Wednesday ofternoons.

Mount Pleasant.—Ladies' Union, First Congregational. President, Mrs. A. Borden; Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Getchell. Meetings alternate Tuesdays at 2 P. M.

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Chicago.—Women's Alliance, First Unitarian Society. President, Mrs. H. L. Clapp, 5418 Lexington Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Ware, 6457 Ingleside Ave. Meetings every Friday at 11:30 A. M.

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Chicago.—Women's Alliance, First Swedish Unitarian Society. President, Mrs. E. Tideman, 1577 North Lincoln St.; Secretary, Mrs. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Ave. Meetings alternate Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

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